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Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 8th inst, is just rec'd and enclosed I hand check for the amount of Bill for Furnace doors. The workmen are much pleased with the doors, and while we had only one of them in use, each of the men were anxious to get that door, because the one who had it always got through his work before the others, and in the granulating furnaces 8 melts can be made in the same time as was formerly taken for seven.

After a trial of about four months, Prof. McCulloh has finished two experiments, both of which have proved unsuccessful. The gold is brittle, and at the present price of zinc, and the great quantity of acid used, in trying to obtain a fineness above 990, the cost is much greater than by the old process. Still it is difficult to convince him that his process is not as good as the one we now use.

Yours very truly

Edward H Kent

Prof. Ia. P. C. Booth.

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